3d bullet was found near JFK death site

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DALLAS—A bullet that was found two years ago near the site of President John F. Kennedy's assassination will be compared with slugs fired from the gun the Warren Commission said was used to kill Kennedy, the FBI says.

R. H. (Dick) Lester, 59, a Dallas night watchman, said he had found the bullet by using a metal-detector about two years ago, but did not turn it over to the FBI until Nov. 30. He said the bullet was under four inches of soil about 100 yards from the site of the assassination.

Donald Moore, the FBI's assistant director of external affairs, said Tuesday in Washington that the FBI had asked the National Archives to provide the bullets that were found when Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963, while riding in a motorcade through Dallas.

"It is not possible to determine whether this bullet has any bearing on President Kennedy's assassination until appropriate microscopic comparisons have been made," Moore said.

The Warren Commission decided that Lee Harvey Oswald had fired three shots at the motorcade, hitting Kennedy with two of them. The commission said the third bullet went awry and was never found.

Lester, who said he had spent more than 30 hours searching the area near the site of the assassination, said he had not come forth sooner because he new of no current investigation and thought there was no particular interest in this aspect of the case.

Jack Moriarty, an investigator for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which is beginning a new investigation of the assassination of Kennedy and that of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said the committee was "extremely interested" in interviewing Lester.

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